

CAPT. MATHESON SCORES TODAY

**Has Sch. Saladin at Fulton Dock With
20,000 Fresh Mackerel—Fish Mixed
and Run From One Half to
Two Pounds Each.**

The seiners have struck them again and this time it is sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson, which has made the haul, he being reported at Fulton Market, N. Y., this morning with 20,000 mixed fish, which were taken in four schools Tuesday night.

The despatch to the Times says that the fish are small and medium, running from a half to two pounds apiece in weight. They were taken in latitude 38, in 40 fathoms of water.

The Saladin went south late last fall to engage in bluefishing. On account of the poor season, she shifted over to snapper fishing and several days ago came up the coast without coming home to engage in mackerel seining. When Capt. Matheson went from here, he took his boat and seine along with him.

Sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archie Devine, was spoken by Capt. Matheson on a small school about the same place.

At the Board of Trade and Master Mariners rooms, the good news was eagerly devoured. "It looks as though

there might be a good year out south," remarked one of the old timers, after reading the dispatches; the coming of the small fish being taken as a good omen and a forerunner of the larger fish which generally follow.

With good weather, more of the fleet will probably be heard from. The Times dispatch says that not many birds have been seen and the prospects look encouraging, since the large fish generally follow the smaller.

Had More Than He Had Hailed For.

Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth at New York yesterday with the first fresh mackerel fare of the season had a larger trip than first supposed, counting out 10,000 tinkers and 250 medium fish. The trip was handled by Chesboro Brothers and Wilson & Barry.

Advices this morning state that the boats landed the first mackerel of the season at Chincoteague, Va., yesterday, some 25 barrels being shipped to New York.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, arrived at Chincoteague, Virginia, today with 25 barrels of fresh medium mackerel.

MORE PACIFIC BANKERS SAIL

The schooners Azalea and Fannie Dutard of the Matheson Codfish Company of Anacortes, Washington, are on their way to the codfish banks of the Bering sea, and will bring the catch to Anacortes, this fall to be prepared for commercial use in the local plant. The work of outfitting the ships and getting them off to sea was conducted by J. O. W. Brown, the local manager of the company.

This is the first trip of the Azalea as a codfisher. The staunch schooner was formerly a coast wise freighter and was purchased at Grays Harbor last December by the local codfish company from a San Francisco firm. She is 146 feet long, 36 feet wide, 11 feet deep and has a capacity of 500 tons. She is equipped with steam winches to handle anchors and sails and carries 22 dories.

The Azalea takes the place of the company's schooner Maid of Orleans, a smaller craft, which was sold to a Seattle codfish firm. The new Matheson flagship is commanded by Captain N. L. Matheson, one of the best known masters of the north Pacific codfish fleet, who was promoted from command of the Dutard to master of the Matheson flagship.

The Fannie Dutard is commanded by Captain Malcolm McPhie, who sailed the first Matheson ship to the Bering sea. He is one of the most widely known skippers in the fleet. The Fannie Dutard sailed from Seattle on April 1, and the Azalea went to sea on April 8th.

The Dutard's crew consists of: Robert Firth, 1st mate; Joseph Morrey, 2d mate; W. C. King, A. Brusen, E. Enes, Jack McLain, Fred Winn, A. F. Williamson, Adolph Hummer, R. Thorsen, John Carlson, Gus Johnson, K. Sunde, John Anderson, Hans Nelson, C. G. Lindman, Andres Res, Nels Blumensort, Peter Grant, Joseph J. Dorr, Pat Fitzgerald, Geo. DeJausserand, Jargon Larsen, John Rossith, A. A. Anderson, Jack Paulson, Hokon Pederson, John P. Olsen, Geo. Rock-

wood, J. J. Kelley, Richard Bond, Thos. Vincent, B. A. Decker, R. A. Hughes, A. McLaughlin and R. W. Bradley

The Azalea's crew is as follows: C. Hartson, 1st mate; Arch Teal, T. F. Murray, Edw. Lodge, Otto Janson, A. D. Chisholm, D. C. Campbell, Pete Franson, Lincoln Davis, George Schramm, Gus Semstrom, John Jacobson, Eric Hazelblade, H. Martineau, Dan Dinson, G. W. Walsh, Elling Nelson, J. Hendrickson, C. P. Olsen, Arthur Williams, Ed Peterson, Alex Campbell, Howard Spenks, 2d mate; Murray Spenks, A. Paulson, Ed. J. Ryan, Axel Handras, Eugene Rault, Nell Hawley, William Powers, Freeman Torburn, Joe Hanson, Conrad Jonson, Lundry Snow, Jabaz Kepping, J. E. Jaderberg, Arne Olsen and H. Martinsen.

Around the Harbor.

Capt. John Hickey will fit sch. Romance for a south seining trip at the Atlantic Maritime Company.

Sch. Hazel Dell is down from Boston for a load of salt.

Barge Meersham is in from Philadelphia with 1300 tons of hard coal for the Griffin Coal Company.

April 24 HALIBUT CATCH GOOD ON PACIFIC

**Landings for March Helped
by Good Weather—Average
Price Good.**

Owing to the fairly good weather which prevailed on the Alaska banks in March, the independent schooners made quite large catches, with the result that their total catch in March was larger than for the first two months of the year. The boxed fish brought down on the regular steamers was also greater, says the Pacific Fisherman. This is made up of fish from the schooners which did not care to make the trip direct to the Sound with their catches, and the local Alaska boats.

The highest prices received for fish in March ranged higher than in January or February, but the average price received, while higher than in February, was less than received in January.

Several of the finest vessels in the fleet have been added to it this month, and there are several others now in course of construction in local yards.

**Halibut Fares of Seattle Vessels,
March, Independent Schooners.**

Vessels.	Lbs.
Republic	90,000
Eagle	28,000
Polaris	65,000
Liberty	70,000
Sunmer	45,000
Kodiak	40,000
Decorah	10,000
Lief E.	6,000
Sitka	60,000
Seattle	50,000

Corona	25,000
Swiftsure	21,000
Small local boat	10,000
Idaho	50,000
Crescent	12,000
Albatross	25,000
Lincoln	18,000
Small local boat	5,000
Malolo	18,000
Yakutat	60,000
Vansee	40,000
Trio	15,000
Republic	40,000
Atlantic	30,000
Zillah May	40,000
Montana	10,000
Helgeland	90,000
Tom and Al	20,000
Senator	20,000
Kodiak	50,000
Victor and Ethan	35,000
Tordenskjold	35,000
Daisy	15,000
Decorah	20,000
Polaris	70,000
Liberty	40,000
Pauline	12,000
Constance	25,000
Lister	20,000

Total 1,335,000

Company Vessels.

San Jose	30,000
Rush	
San Juan	
Independent	20,000
Chicago	180,000
San Jose	
Starr	160,000
Rush	230,000
Commonwealth	35,000
San Juan	75,000
Independent	35,000
Starr	200,000

Total 1,065,000

**Halibut Landed at Seattle by Regular
Steamers.**

	Boxes Landed
Admiral Evans	578
Mariposa	133
Spokane	208
Humboldt	113
Admiral Sampson	22
Alameda	4
Jefferson	8
Cordova	9
Admiral Evans	212
Humboldt	87
Spokane	328
Al-Kl	15
Jefferson	165
Admiral Sampson	8

Total 2,374

Prince Rupert Halibut Arrivals.

Sch. Charlotta G. Cox, Atlin Fisheries Ltd., 40,000; sch. Joe Baker, Jos. Baker, 9,000; sch. Borealis, Atlin Fisheries, Ltd., 30,000; sch. Zorra, Atlin Fisheries, Ltd., 8,000; sch. Zorra, Atlin Fisheries, Ltd., 10,500; str. James Carruthers, Can. F. & C. S. Co., 21,000; sch. Borealis, Atlin Fisheries, Ltd., 5,000; Mosquito fleet, various owners, 48,000; total, 171,500 lbs.

Vancouver Halibut Arrivals.

Flamingo Can. Fishing Co., Ltd., 70,000; Celestial Empire, Can. Fishing Co., Ltd., 61,000; Emma H., Can. Fishing Co., Ltd., 15,000; Flamingo, Can. Fishing Co. Ltd., 47,000; total, 193,000 lbs.

Victoria Halibut Arrivals.

Sch. Jessie, 70,000 lbs.

Going Shacking.

Sch. James W. Parker has abandoned the fresh haddock fishery and is shifting over for a Cape North trip.

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PLANTS FOR KAMCHATKA.

Complete Equipment for Two Factories Sent from Brooklyn.

A novel and remarkable feat of removal involving the transportation of two completely equipped canning factories from Brooklyn to the bleak shores of Kamchatka, a peninsular of the Siberian coast, is now being carried out by the W. E. Bliss Company of New York, in an expedition which is now under way and scheduled to arrive at its destination in the early part of May, says the New York Times.

The acknowledged supremacy of the United States in the salmon industry has long been a source of envy to the Russians and Japanese, but hitherto they have been content with their primitive and inefficient methods of packing the fish that have left them behind in the world's markets. Some time ago, two delegations from the Orient visited the Pacific Coast of the United States with a view to finding some method of cheapening the cost of preparing salmon for the consumer, hastening the packing during the season, and doing away with the salting of fish which was required in packing them in barrels, and which made them far less palatable. The delegation was immediately set upon in each instance by an army of manufacturers, but the Brooklyn firm drew the order for the new factories.

The orders involved the literal trans-shipment of two complete plants for the production of tin cans. The smallest necessities, even to screw-drivers and hammers, were not forgotten, and now the whole outfit is on its way to Kamchatka with a corps of engineers and mechanics, who are to operate the plants.

The trip will be one of interest if not anxiety, to those engaged on it, for the Japanese concession on the coast necessitates that the outfit be landed in surfboats because of the dangerous approach of the reefs. It will be no easy matter to take the parts of the heavy machinery through the surging waters that throw themselves on the coast in great rollers, for should the heavy material become rampant in the boats there is great danger of capsizing.

When the expedition arrives, it will immediately start on the work of setting up the plant, the machinery of which should be up by June 1. The running season of the salmon starts about the middle of July, and by September 1 the packing is all over and the work of cleaning up begins. An office force will be busily engaged in settling up accounts, and about the middle of September the whole community will pack up its belongings and depart, leaving only the deserted plant to grace the scenery during the long Arctic winter.

Salt Fish Trade.

Says the Fishing Gazette:

At the end of the Lenten season trade in salt fish received its usual setback, and the market displayed a very quiet appearance. Prices, however, continue at normal figures, with no changes thus far recorded. The general tone of the whole market is steady.

Newfoundland salt codfish—News from St. John's says that the tail end of the voyage of last year is being disposed of at fair prices, but high opening prices for the new season's goods are not probable from present outlook.

SCANDINAVIAN MACKEREL TRADE

Consul Emil Sauer, writing from Goteborg, Sweden, on the Scandinavian mackerel industry, says:

"The mackerel fishing industry of this district is of special interest to American importers, who buy the bulk of the exports from Sweden and Norway. The amount last year was about 55,000 barrels.

"In 1911 and 1912 there appears to have been a general complaint about the low prices, and it was said here that American importers had entered into an agreement to keep down prices. It appears, however, that the low prices were due to inferior quality of mackerel, caught too early in the season, and in 1912 to the fact that there was an unusually heavy catch on the Irish coast. In 1912 the fishermen organized a union for exporting the mackerel direct without the aid of exporting merchants, but this venture proved unsuccessful. After suffering certain losses they had to return to the export merchants for assistance.

"In 1913 the prospect for the fishermen did not seem very promising until September, when one of the exporters raised his bids. Other expedition became so keen that before long in the season the exporters entered into a combination among themselves. They then cleared a very good profit for the season, to offset the loss from the previous season. It seems, however, that the arrangement was not entirely satisfactory to the fishermen, and before the end of 1913 they started to form a co-operative association, with the arrangement that one Swedish and one Norwegian exporting firm should sell the mackerel for them on a commission of 5 per cent. of the amount of the invoice. The expenses for packing, local transportation, insurance, storage, etc, it is proposed are to be paid by the fishermen themselves. This plan has been under discussion at a number of meetings, and certain prominent men seem to have favored it. In the early part of March a preliminary association was organized at a meeting in Goteborg under the name of Nordsjons Makrillfiskareforbund, an account of which, including the detailed agreement, appeared in the Goteborgs Handels-och Sjöfartstidning of March 10, 1914." (A translated copy of the article will be loaned on application to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

MARTIE WELCH SAW BIG FISH

Schools of large mackerel were sighted by sch. Benjamin A. Smith, Capt. Martin L. Welch, in latitude 37, 30 fathoms of water so Capt. Chas. H. Harty wired from Chincoteague, Va., this morning.

The Smith was at that port having taken 17 fish out of a school. This is the first news of large fish being sighted.

A despatch to the Times yesterday afternoon states that sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Webber, took his fish south-east from Chincoteague in 34 fathoms of water.

NEW PIER IS QUITE DESERTED

Few Shore Boats All There Are at Big Boston Fish Mart.

Boston's arrival list this morning was light, a few shore boats which came in yesterday afternoon and during the night being reported. The total receipts was less than 60,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$2.75 to \$3.50 a hundred for pollock, \$3 for large and \$2 for market cod, \$1.50 to \$3.50 for hake and \$3 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 24,000 haddock, 3500 cod.
Sch. Mary Edith, 2000 cod, 8000 hake, 8000 cusk.
Sch. Dixie, 1000 haddock, 3500 cod.
Sch. Georgianna, 200 haddock, 5500 cod.
Sch. Laura Enos, 1100 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 800 cod.
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.50 to \$3.50; pollock, \$3.

SCH. MANOMET IS LEAKING

Word was received here this morning that sch. Manomet, Capt. William Price, one of the shore haddockers is in Vinal Haven in a leaking condition and will be towed here for repairs.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrivals.

Sch. Moonlight, New York for Calais.
Sch. B. I. Hazard, New York for Sedgwick.
Sch. Wawenock, New York for Saco.
Str. Herbert, Boston for Rockport.

Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Natalie Hammond sold to the New England Halibut Company for 10 1-2 for white and eight and 1-2 cents for gray.

The fare of sch. Mystery sold to the American Halibut Company for 10 cents for white and eight cents for gray.

GILL NETTERS DROPPING OUT

Fish Are Scarce and Pollock Seining Time Is Drawing Near.

One off-shore arrival was all that was reported here this morning, sch. Mystery arriving from a halibut trip on Quero and Grand Banks with 12,000 pounds fresh halibut and 20,000 pounds fresh and salt shack. The American Halibut Company purchased the halibut.

The gill netters fared poorly yesterday, only a handful of the steamers being out. One by one the boats are dropping out of the game, fishing having been extremely poor the past few days. By the first of June the season will have ended.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mystery, Grand Banks, 12,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sam and Priscilla, Provincetown.
Str. Lydia, Boston.
Sch. Commonwealth, Boston.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., Cape North, shacking.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Philip Manta, shore.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50.
Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$2.00.
Hake, \$2.00.
Pollock, \$1.75.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
Hake, \$1.10.
Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.
Pollock, 90c.
Fresh halibut 10 1-2c per lb. for white and 8 1-2c for gray.